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Examiner: CHANG, AUDREY Y
Group A.U.: 2872
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Remarks

It is observed that the Examiner rejected claims 8-11 as being unpatentable over Fitter taken with Church.

It is also observed that the Examiner considered claims 12-14 as being allowable provided that they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the parent claims and if suitably amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended claim 8 to include also all of the features of originally filed claims 9 and 12.

The applicant has also dealt with the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

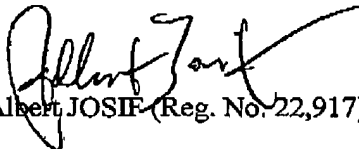
To this regard, claims 8 and 13-14 have been amended while claims 9, 10 and 12 have been cancelled.

The new independent claim 8 is thus believed to be in order for acceptance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

It will be noted that a sincere effort has been made to positively respond to all of the points raised by the Examiner.

While it is believed that the amended claims properly define the present invention, applicant would be open to any suggestion the Examiner may have concerning different claim phraseology which, in the Examiner's opinion, more accurately defines the present invention.

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